

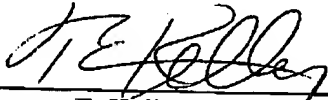
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: application of Stanley G. Bower *et al.*

Serial No. 09/927,827

For: Directed Genetic Engineering
of *Xanthomonas campestris*

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Kathleen M. Kerr

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Petition for Extension of Time and Election

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Sir:

Petition for Extension of Time: To timely respond to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2003 with a 1 month shortened statutory period for reply expiring on May 22, 2003, applicant submits herewith a Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) specifically requesting a three month extension, i.e. to August 22, 2003. The fee is paid by authorization to charge the deposit account identified in the Petition.

Election: Applicant traverses the restriction requirement in which the PTO alleges that aspects of the invention characterized by DNA and/or translated protein sequence of separate genes constitute independent and distinct inventions because the structure of the protein and/or DNA defines the invention. This is purely an arbitrary policy in which DNA and/or protein structure are declared by the PTO to define the invention without actual analysis of the invention as claimed by applicant. Nonetheless, to advance the prosecution of this application, applicant provisionally elects Group XXIX comprising claim 21.

Respectfully submitted,


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In re Application of Stanley G. Bower et al.		
Application Number	09/705,926	Filed 08/10/2001
For: Directed Genetic Engineering of <i>Xanthomonas campestris</i>		
Group Art Unit	1652	Examiner Kathleen M. Kerr

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

- ☐ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ _____
☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ _____
☒ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 930
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$ _____
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$ _____

- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____
☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
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☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 134125.
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- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor
☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
☒ attorney or agent of record.
☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
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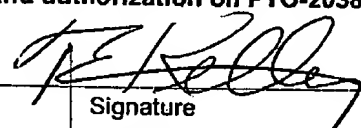
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